**BENCHMARK TEST – 1ST NINE WEEKS, FIRST SEMESTER**

**7TH GRADE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS – WRITING**

DIRECTIONS:

* **Choose one (1) essay question.**
* Write at least **five (5) paragraphs including an introduction, body with supporting points, and a conclusion.**
* Use your strategies to plan your writing.
* Proofread to check for spelling errors, punctuation errors, and grammar mistakes. Re-read to ensure that you have said what you intended and have not left words out.
* Write on your scan sheet – make sure that it is legible.

TOPICS:

* Compare and contrast the start of 7th grade to the start of 6th grade.
* Compare and contrast your start of 7th grade to Victor’s start in the story “7th Grade.”
* Write a descriptive essay in which you highlight your fears and/or your excitement starting the new school year.
* Look ahead into the school year. Write an essay in which you describe what you think is in store for you this year. Make predictions and describe them with detail.
* Evaluate the start of the school year. Describe what went well and what didn’t go well. Propose solutions for things that didn’t go well.